

# **DNREC's Division of Watershed Stewardship, Reclaim Our River program partner on 'Gardening for Clean Water and Butterflies' presentation March 26 at Seaford Library**

**SEAFORD** – DNREC's Division of Watershed Stewardship and the Reclaim Our River (ROR) Program, in partnership with the Delaware Nature Society and the Nanticoke Watershed Alliance, will host a free presentation on "Gardening for Clean Water and Butterflies" at 6 p.m. Monday, March 26 at the Seaford Library, 600 North Market Street Extended, Seaford, DE 19973.

Over the last 20 years, the monarch butterfly population worldwide has declined by 90 percent – a critical environmental loss. Plants depend on pollinators like the monarch butterfly for reproducing and natural abundance. Flowering plants in turn help purify water, and help prevent erosion through roots that hold soil in place and foliage that buffers the impact of rain as it falls to the earth.

Presenter Alice Mohrman, from the Delaware Nature Society's Abbotts Mill Nature Center, will introduce participants to the life history of a variety of native butterflies and pollinators, and focus on how to invite pollinators, birds, and butterflies to your yard, deck, patio, or balcony. Mohrman will offer tips on landscaping yards large and small with attractive native plants to support wildlife habitat while also helping to reduce pollution in our waterways. She also will demonstrate a few easy steps toward creating a Certified Wildlife Habitat.

A limited amount of free milkweed seeds – which can be grown into attractive monarch habitat – will be available to those attending the presentation. Participants also will receive information on activities that support clean water and learn about this year's 2018 ROR-Nanticoke Series, which again offers numerous opportunities to have fun around the water and learn techniques for keeping our waterways clean.

For more information about the presentation, please contact Alice Mohrman at 302-422-0847 or [alice@delawarenatureociety.org](mailto:alice@delawarenatureociety.org).

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